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1. Western policy on Germany--The Secretary of State transmits a directive which was agreed upon during the Paris conference with the UK and French Foreign Secretaries and which is aimed at establishing more normal conditions in Germany. Beginning with the statement that the occupation statute will remain in force until reviewed, the directive instructs the High Commissioners to prepare for a smooth evolution toward a 1950 program including: (a) admission of the West German Federal Republic to the Council of Europe as an associate member; (b) consideration of Germany for membership in other international organizations; (c) simultaneous admission of the Saar to the Council of Europe, providing that such action shall not affect its final status; and (d) the gradual establishment by the German Republic of consular and commercial representatives in foreign countries, and a bureau to coordinate the activities of such representatives. The directive also states that a committee of jurists will be appointed to examine the legal problems involved in ending the state of war and concludes that the western nations, including the Federal Republic, should avoid as far as possible any action implying de facto or de jure recognition of the German Democratic Republic in the Soviet zone.

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